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FOR USDEL SECRETARY

FOR S/S: FOR ANDERSON AND MCLEAN FROM DARBYSHIRE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: MOSCOW ARRANGEMENTS

1. SOVIET MFA NOW ADVISES THAT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WILL BE PROVIDED TO EMBASSY BEFORE NOON ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 (MOSCOW TIME LONDON TIME PLUS 2). WE WILL ADVISE USDEL IMMEDIATELY BY TELEGRAM. WE HOPE TO GET IT TO YOU BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FROM LONDON.

2. SOVIET MFA ADVISES THAT SCHEDULE FOR MRS. VANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE SOME TIME IN THE AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19. VISIT TO COLLECTIVE FARM AND INFANT CARE INSTITUTE ON SKINNER BOX MODEL LOOK GOOD. TICKETS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE AND FOR OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PARTY FOR FRIDAY NIGHT BOLSHOI OPERA PERFORMANCE OF MOZART AND SALIERI PLUS IOLANTHE AND FOR SATURDAY NIGHT ONE-ACT BALLETS.

3. DROP LINE TO OPS CENTER IS BEING INSTALLED IN SPASO HOUSE PER INSTRUCTIONS TELEGRAM AND WILL BE AVAILABLE
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FOR USE BY ANDERSON, MITCHELL AND MORGAN AT RESIDENCE. THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO DROP LINE FROM EMBASSY FOR S/S-S OR SENIOR STAFF. CALLS MAY BE PLACED FROM EMBASSY THROUGH EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD USING PRIORITY OVERRIDE.

4. LOCAL PURCHASES. ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE AND CONVENIENCE ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PARTY AT EMBASSY CONTROL

ROOM IN HOTEL. ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE ALSO AVAILABLE AT EMBASSY. PARTY MAY ALSO PURCHASE CONVENIENCE ITEMS AT EMBASSY COMMISSARY FOR US CURRENCY. SOUVENIR AND GIFT ITEMS MAY BE PURCHASED AT LOCAL HARD-CURRENCY STORES (BERIOZKA) FOR US OR OTHER HARD CURRENCY. MEMBERS OF PARTY MAY WISH TO CARRY CURRENCY IN SMALL DENOMINATIONS AS CHANGE IS OFTEN GIVEN IN NON-US CURRENCY (AUSTRIAN, FINNISH, FRENCH, ETC.). CREDIT CARDS MAY ALSO BE USED. AMERICAN EXPRESS, BANKAMERICARD, DINERS CLUB, AND CARTE BLANCHE ARE ACCEPTED AT BERIOZKA AT NOVODEVICHY; AMERICAN EXPRESS IS ACCEPTED AT OTHER BERIOZKA STORES AS WELL.

5. FOR MARSHALL SHULMAN

EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN THEATER TICKETS FOR RUSSIAN LANGUAGE THEATER PERFORMANCES FOR MARSHALL SHULMAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS OF PARTY SHOULD THEY WISH. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PERFORMANCES:

APRIL 20 AND 22:

OBRATNAYA SVYAZ' (A POPULAR POLITICAL PLAY WHICH INCLUDES AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION).

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TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH.

APRIL 21:

BEG BY BULGAKOV

APRIL 22:

PROSHCHANIYE V IYUNE BY VANTILOV (CURRENTLY VERY POPULAR).

APRIL 22:

ZHENIT'BA BY GOGOL.

APRIL 20:

DON ZHUAN-78 (VERY POPULAR PUPPET THEATER PERFORMANCE).
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